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AMONG THE 4-H CLUBS

A radio talk by I. W. Hill, Field Agent in club work for the Southern States, Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, delivered through Station WRC and 40 other stations associated with the National Broadcasting Company, February 1, 1930.

Four-H boys and girls and friends of 4-H club work everywhere:

The first month of the new club year has been a busy one. The shows and judging contests of the winter season are now in full swing. Everyday is a red-letter day for 4-H boys and girls somewhere.

At the Madison Square Garden Poultry Show in New York City, the 4-H club judging contest was won on January 18 by a Massachusetts team consisting of Russell Huntley, West Medway; Stephen Bruscoe, Hatfield; and, Paul Schaftner, Dover. Delaware took second place and New York third.

Out in Illinois the fourth annual 4-H club corn show was held at Urbana on January 13. Mildred Riley, 12 year old club member from Macon County won sweepstakes. She also entered the Utility Corn Show open to adults as well as club members and won the Grand Championship over 327 competitors, many of whom were veteran corn growers. At the same time at Billings, Montana, livestock club members successfully conducted a 4-H club department in the Fifth Annual State Show and Sale of Registered Livestock.

At Denver, Colorado, from January 13 to 25, State champions and demonstration teams from New Mexico, Wyoming, and Colorado attended the Annual Interstate Boys and Girls 4-H Club Congress which is held in connection with the National Western Stock Show. There were 175 head of animals in the 4-H club livestock department of the show this year.

Pennsylvania club members have just finished taking a successful part in the Pennsylvania State products show, January 20 to 25 in which they conducted a 4-H club department. I have two other very important pieces of 4-H club news. The fourth annual National Club Camp will be held in Washington, D. C., on the grounds of the Department of Agriculture June 18 to 24. South Dakota has already selected the two boys and two girls who will represent her at the Camp. They are Hazel Grayce Tollefson of Spink County; Doris Conway of Stanley County; Henry Rebbe, Jr., of Lawrence County; and, Jesse Roberts of Beadle County.

Word has just come of the dates selected for the International Dairy Judging Contest for 4-H club members which will be held this year at the Royal Show, Manchester, England, July 8 to 12. You will remember that the United States was represented by a team from Oklahoma which won the event last year. An Oklahoma team will again defend the title in 1930, having won the National Championship in competition with 26 other States at the National Dairy Show last fall. Hats off to Oklahoma!

Beginning next Monday, West Virginia will hold its sixth annual State 4-H ham and bacon show. West Virginia club members who are fattening pigs have sent as their exhibits, hams and bacon, both sugar cured and hickory smoked. West Virginia club members bid fair to make a name for their State, in choice ham and bacon.

Figs are pigs wherever club members are to be found. In every part of the Union, pig club members have made records to be proud of. Raymond Cles of Park County, Wyoming, in 1929 raised a ton litter that weighed 2,345 pounds, bettering his 1928 record by 200 pounds.

Of the 61 entrants in the ton litter contest in Minnesota, 49 were 4-H club members. The winner was Allan Baughman, a club member of several years standing. Gerald Gummo, of Clinton County, Pa., was another club member to make the ton litter club in 1929. He owns a sow who successfully raised 50 out of 52 pigs in six litters.

In 1926, Percy Anderson of Florence County, S. C., bought a purebred gilt. He has sold to farmers and club members 41 purebred animals from this one sow. In just this way club members all over the United States are helping to introduce purebred livestock to their communities and to make farming more profitable.

We have made a good start in this first month of 1930. Let's fill the months remaining just as full of 4-H club achievement and fun.

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